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Reply to Notification of Defective Response of September 16, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are pending in this application. Claim 26 has been amended by the current amendment. The amendment to claim 26 inserts a sequence identifier which does not alter the scope of the claims.

The amendments to paragraphs beginning on pages 7, 26, 27, 38, 44, 45, 46 and 48 correct obvious typographical errors and insert sequence identifiers at their proper locations in the Specification.

Applicants request entry of this amendment in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825. This amendment is accompanied by a floppy disk containing the above named sequences, SEQ ID NOS:1-24, in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information which has been printed from the floppy disk.

The information contained in the computer readable disk was prepared through the use of the software program "PatentIn" and is identical to that of the paper copy. This amendment contains no new matter.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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